

**REMARKS**

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that all of the claims are allowable.

**Disposition of Claims**

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

**Drawing Objections**

The drawings were objected to for failing to show the process for manufacturing and using a bearing strip and a tool recited in claims 18-22. Claim 21 has been amended to not refer to a tool. New Figure 7 shows the bearing strip, on which a plurality of parts can be stamped, as recited in amended claims 18-22. New Figure 7 does not constitute new matter because it is supported, for example, in originally filed claims 18-22, and paragraph [0070] in the publication of the Specification. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended according to the specific rejections made by the Examiner. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**New Claims**

Claims 23-25 were added in this reply to claim subject matter deleted from claim 17.

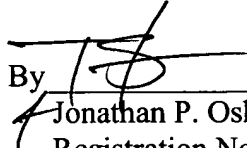
No new matter has been added by the new claims. Applicant submits that claims 23-25 are allowable.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17198/003001).

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